

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Inventor: Mark A. Reiley

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Title: **FACET ARTHROPLASTY  
DEVICES AND METHODS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

M/S Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expires on November 10, 2006. This deadline for response is a Federal Holiday and this Response is made the next business day and is therefore considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Accordingly, no extension fee is required to enter this Amendment.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

The **Claim Listing** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.